

Remarks

Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. The Applicants note the Examiner's helpful comments with respect to the previous amendment including "C in solution is 0.0079 to 0.0415%" as being new matter. The Applicants respectfully submit that the subject matter recited in that range is fully supported as set forth in the previous response. Nonetheless, the Applicants further note with appreciation the Examiner's alternative suggestion.

In particular, the "Response to Arguments" section suggests alternative language wherein the amendments should read "C in solution is 79 to 83% of total C content." The Applicants have accordingly deleted the prior language and included new language that adopts the spirit of the Examiner's suggestion, but includes one change.

The Applicants have amended Claims 11, 16 and 17 to substitute "C in solution is 47 to 83% of total C content" in place of the previous "C in solution is 0.0079 to 0.0415% by mass".

The Applicants respectfully submit that the now claimed range of 47 to 83% instead of the proposed range of 79 to 83% is reflective of the unexpected results shown in the examples set forth in Figure 1 of Mr. Okuda's previously submitted Declaration. The Applicants enclose a convenience copy of that Figure 1. Support for this new range is determined in exactly the same manner as suggested by the Examiner at the bottom of page 3 of the Official Action. However, instead of merely relying on Examples 17, 18 and 35 for establishing the range, the Applicants have relied on the broader range of examples contained within the Applicants' Specification in Tables 2-1 and 2-2. In particular, the breadth of the range is established by Examples 35 and 36 wherein the C_{fix} numbers are 17 and 53, respectively. This translates into the C_{sol} of 47-83. As noted above, this broader range of examples is illustrated in Fig. 1 of Mr. Okuda's Declaration.

The Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 1-29 are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 11-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over JP'941.

The Applicants again note that Mr. Okuda's previously submitted Declaration distinguishes over JP'941 in the establishment of completely unexpected results over the JP'941 disclosure. Withdrawal of that rejection is also respectfully requested.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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